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## **Diverting Water Revenues to City Hall Is Not OK**

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LA WATCHDOG-Our Department of Water and Power is proposing to bump our water rates by 27% over the next five years. These new revenues, which will eventually reach \$250 million a year, along with a five year capital expenditure plan of \$5 billion, will be used to repair and upgrade the Department's long neglected infrastructure, develop and expand local water supplies, meet new water quality mandates, comply with environmental mandates in the Owens Valley, and improve customer service.

While this rate increase of 5% a year for five years is considerably above the rate of inflation, it does not appear, for the most part, to be an unreasonable request based on the information supplied by DWP's senior management.

But it is not acceptable for Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Council President Herb Wesson, and the rest of the City Council to dump the bill for projects that are the responsibility of the City, no matter how worthwhile, on the DWP and the Ratepayers. And pet projects are definitely not OK.....

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